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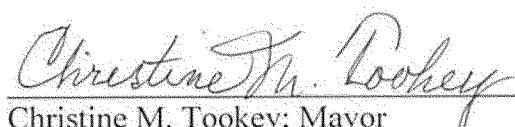
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Dear Animas Watershed Community,

Please find attached a science-based proposal for permanent remediation of all the acid water threats to your community caused by the abandoned mines in the Upper Animas River Basin. Please understand the spirit of this funding request to our U.S. Congress is to protect all our downstream neighbors from another calamity like the recent Gold King Mine spill. We are asking our federal leaders to fund this project so that your lands, agriculture, ranching, livestock, water supplies and recreational industries are never threatened again by such a tragedy.

We, the Town of Silverton and San Juan County, Colorado, have put in weeks of research and hard work with national science experts in the fields of Geology, Hydrology and Geological Engineering to develop this proposal. The scientists names, attached to the proposal, are nationally respected by their peers. The process of developing this plan has been comprehensive. Should we get the support from Congress to seriously consider funding this proposal, the professionals involved will prepare the in-depth scientific proposal required.

We, as municipal and county officials, are committed to resolving this environmental threat for all involved.

  
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Christine M. Tookey; Mayor

  
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Ernest Kuhlman; BOCC Chair